

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2011
7:15 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McHale at 7:23PM

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Councilman Freeman-absent

Mayor McHale-present

Mayor McHale stated that there was an addition to the agenda-Resolution #169-TwinBoro Field Remediation Phase I and Phase II-not to exceed \$38,000

Motion to accept agenda as amended: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

June 23, 2011 Executive Meeting- Motion to approve: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Manna-abstained

June 23, 2011 Public Meeting-Motion to approve: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Manna-abstained

June 23, 2011 Closed Session-Motion to approve: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Manna-abstained

Administrator Perkins' Report

The Borough received a check from Cumberland Farms (Gulf Station gas leak) in the amount of \$54,455.22.

The 9/11 ceremony will be held at 9AM at the high school and at dusk at Memorial Park.

Blockbuster closed today.

The Borough is looking into the possibility of credit card payments to the Tax Department and Court.

The second annual Best Practices questionnaire was just sent by the State to municipalities. The Governor is trying to ensure that municipalities are working properly. He, the CFO and the Borough Clerk met this morning and we are currently at 88%, which would translate into 100% state aid next year.

Joint Insurance Fund audited the Borough's Worker's Compensation records, which went very well.

We have been negotiating with Bergen County Open Space for use of old grant money, still on the books. They have notified us that we can use most of that money for Memorial Park improvements.

Mr. Perkins asked municipal court to look into a new program-private collection of municipal court debt.

After meeting with the County, it was discovered that the Borough has an additional culvert on E. Linden, which is the responsibility of the County.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Carrick

No report

- Councilman Caspare

Library

The library trustees are off for the summer.

Rent Leveling Board

The Board will meet in August.

- Councilman Manna

Ethics Board

The Board is scheduled to meet this Thursday.

Chamber Commerce

Reminder to frequent the stores in town. Two new stores opened-*Two Sweeties* on McKinley Avenue and *Scoops Ice Cream* on W. Shore Avenue.

- Councilman Stylianou

The Councilman thanked Mr. Paster for his generous sponsorship of the Dumont Summer Travel team.

5K Run

There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night.

The Board of Education is allowing the Run to use the high school September 10th.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Chamber of Commerce

They will be bringing back the tradition of the Street Fair October 22nd.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Center has been used as a cooling center during the extremely hot weather.

Police

Chief Venezia provided a six month review of the twelve hour work schedule. Since the twelve hour shifts began in January 2010, overall productivity has increased significantly, while the amount of overtime including 911 dispatchers has decreased. In 2011 there was a 17.5%

increase in productivity over the first six months of 2010, and a 64% increase over the same time period in 2009.

Mayor's Report

The railroad crossing at New Milford Avenue will be closed for repairs as of July 31st.

Joann Westphal, chairperson of Ethics Board, is moving and therefore has submitted her resignation. A resident with an unaffiliated party affiliation is required to fill this position.

There are other openings on Boards available for interested volunteers.

Mayor McHale stated that there is an ordinance posted on tonight's agenda to dedicate the Washington, New Milford, Virginia Avenue intersection in honor of Matthew LaPorte. He was killed in the Virginia Tech massacre. Matthew was an active ROTC member. The Mayor is seeking donations to dedicate a memorial in honor of Mr. LaPorte.

Judy Tripodi guided the Borough through a severe financial crisis years ago. She recently passed away suddenly. The Mayor sent a condolence letter on behalf of the Governing Body and the community.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#11-157 Bills List *

#11-158 Mary Kujawa and Thomas Tully-Hire as Substitute Crossing Guards-\$14.25 per hour *

#11-159 Ann Mitchell-Accept Resignation as School Crossing Guard *

#11-160 ING Deferred Compensation Plan-Adoption of Restated Plan Document *

#11-161 Approval of Borough Towing Contractors *

#11-162 Approval of Off-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle-Bergenfield Junior Women's Club-

ID#32-8-22429, RL#344, to be drawn September 10, 2011 *

#11-163 Approval of Block Party to be held August 6, 2011 on Patton Place *

#11-164 Approval of Calendar Raffle-Camp Acorn-ID#373-4-35995, RL#345 to be held from October 1, 2011-March 31, 2012 *

#11-165 Award of Bid for White Beeches Pump Station Force Main and Pump Station Upgrades to Underground Utilities Corp.- \$298,012.05 *

#11-166 Approval of Off-premise Cash Raffle-DHS Athletic Boosters-ID#109-5-24823; RL#346 to be held from September 1, 2011-November 23, 2011 *

#11-167 Salary Resolution for 2011 *

#11-168 Approval of Henry & Mary McHale Family Fund Off-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle-ID#109-4-39163; RL# 347 to be drawn September 19, 2011 *

Mayor McHale stated for the record that he is a trustee of the aforementioned fund, which is a non-profit corporation, and will recuse himself in any form of this resolution and will have Council president Manna sign the document if it is approved.

#11-169 Approval of Alaimo Group proposal for TwinBoro Field Phase II and Phase III

Remediation-not to exceed \$38,000 *

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, remarked that the resolutions were not posted on the website as of 2:00PM this afternoon.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1433 Dedication of the Washington/New Milford/Virginia Avenue Intersection to Honor the Memory of Matthew La Porte.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to introduce on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked if a completed copy of the Best Practices questionnaire will be posted on the Borough website. Otherwise, he will be submitting an OPRA request. He asked if the members of the Governing Body have reviewed the audit report. He commented on the findings concerning capital budget contracts, a check not deposited and internal control issues three years running.

Mayor McHale commented that there was a resolution addressing the audit last month and that a corrective action plan is currently being worked on.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to recess and reconvene to continue executive meeting discussion in Executive

Chambers: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

All are encouraged to attend.

Motion to go back into session: Councilman Caspare

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Mayor McHale recapped that previously they were discussing the police productivity reports and police promotion process. Councilman Carrick asked for an explanation of the productivity report.

The Mayor suggested that the Council have the police chief attend a meeting to answer some of the questions they have. He feels that perhaps they should wait and try to understand

the numbers a little more and that way by January 1st a decision on the twelve hour shifts can be made.

Councilman Freeman had communicated that he had met with the County OEM about dispatchers. The Mayor feels that the Chief should be brought in for discussion on this too. He also said that future budget demands are unknown and the necessity of layoffs uncertain. If layoffs are necessary, how many. There are many variables.

Councilman Carrick commented that he does not want to see police layoffs; they have to be willing to give something else up. There has to be a solution. People can not afford to live in this town if taxes keep increasing. The financial situation is going to be worse next year. The Governor is not going to change.

Mayor McHale mentioned that they can go out for referendum to exceed the 2% cap. Mr. Paster advised that the question can not go on the November ballot; it would be on the school election ballot.

Councilman Manna stated that there are many considerations-the testing mechanism and once that's done, whether or not to implement promotions based on the results of the test and the financial position of the Borough in January. It was suggested that the testing process should begin and a list maintained; promotions to be made on an as-needed basis.

Mayor McHale recommended that although the Governing Body usually doesn't have a meeting the first Tuesday of August, a meeting be scheduled for August 2nd with the police chief in attendance for clarification of the twelve hour shift charts and other concerns.

Chapter 75-9 of the Borough code, which includes the written test as part of the promotion process, is still in place. The ordinance deleting the written test portion was never adopted and will not be posted for second reading. Currently we have a process in place which can be initiated but action not necessarily taken on it. Upon recommendation of the police committee, it was the consensus of the Council that Chief Venezia begin the promotional testing process.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk